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FOLLOWING IS REVISED TEXT OF PARA SECTION II ON LAOS

APPROVED BY NSC.

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD LAOS MUST BE VIEWED IN THE
CONTEXT OF OUR REGIONAL AND WORLD INTEREST IN PEACE,
STABILITY AND THE LESSENING OF GREAT POWER CONFRONTATION.
WITHIN THESE GENERAL LINES, U.S. POLICY CAN BE MORE PRE-
CISELY DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE 'SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE,
NEUTRALITY, UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF LAOS' AS
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STATED IN THE 1962 GENEVA ACCORDS TO WHICH WE WERE A

SIGNATORY.

2. WE SUPPORT THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION ESTABLISHED IN ACCORD WITH THE VIENTIANE AGREEMENT AND SUBSEQUENT PROTOCOL TO THAT AGREEMENT, BOTH OF WHICH WERE SIGNED BY THE TWO LAO SIDES IN 1973.

3. WE WISH TO SEE LAOS PRESERVED AS A PEACEFUL BUFFER

STATE, NOT DOMINATED BY ITS LARGER COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS, NORTH VIETNAM OR CHINA, AND NOT RULED BY A COMMUNIST-DOMINATED GOVERNMENT.

4. SPECIFICALLY, WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARTICLES IN THE GENEVA AND VIENTIANE AGREEMENTS REQUIRING THE WITHDRAWAL FROM LAOS OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS, PARTICULARLY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE, AND PROHIBITING THE USE OF LAO TERRITORY FOR MILITARY PURPOSES TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, I.E. SOUTH VIETNAM, CAMBODIA AND THAILAND.

5. WITHIN THE PARAMETERS ESTABLISHED BY THE LAO ACCORDS OF 1962 AND 1973, WHICH CALL FOR THE REUNIFICATION AND RECONCILIATION OF THE COUNTRY, WE WILL SUPPORT RESISTANCE WITHIN THE PGNU TO LAO PATRIOTIC EFFORTS TO TAKE OVER FULL CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT AND DESTROY THE NEUTRALITY OF LAOS.

6. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISION IN THE VIENTIANE AGREEMENT THAT EACH SIDE PROVIDE INFORMATION ON PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION DURING THE WAR, SO THAT WE CAN PROVIDE DEFINITIVE NEWS TO THE FAMILIES OF MISSING AMERICANS.

7. WE WILL ALSO URGE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISION IN THE VIENTIANE AGREEMENT THAT REFUGEES FROM THE WAR BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES IF THEY WISH, BOTH FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES AND TO REDUCE THE BURDEN OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES.

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8. WE WILL SUPPORT EFFORTS BY THE VIENTIANE SIDE WITHIN THE PGNU TO OPEN ACCESS TO THE PATHET LAO ZONE AND PERMIT FREE MOVEMENT OF ALL PEOPLE BETWEEN THE TWO ZONES AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE LAO ACCORDS.

9. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO LAOS FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES, TO HELP STABILIZE THE ECONOMY, TO PREVENT ECONOMIC TROUBLES FROM UPSETTING THE

POLITICAL COALITION, AND MAKE LAOS MORE SELF-SUPPORTING SO THAT U.S. ASSISTANCE MAY BE PHASED DOWN AND EVENTUALLY TERMINATED.

10. WE WILL ENCOURAGE THE LAO TO OBTAIN AID FROM OTHER DONORS, AS WELL AS URGE OTHER COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE THAT AID, SO THAT OUR AID BURDEN WILL BE MORE EQUABLY SHARED.

11. WE WILL ALSO URGE THE LAO TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN ECONOMIC SITUATION SO AS NOT TO RELY SO HEAVILY ON U.S. AID.

12. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE MILITARY AID TO THE VIENTIANE SIDE WITHIN THE PGNU TO MAINTAIN ITS ARMED FORCES, UNTIL A UNIFIED ARMY IS ESTABLISHED, IN ORDER TO DETER A COMMUNIST MILITARY TAKEOVER WHICH WOULD DESTROY THE NEUTRALITY OF LAOS. KISSINGER

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